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Subject: Microsoft Settlement - do not agree that it goes far enough

I believe that the proposed settlement in the Microsoft anti-trust proceeding does not go far enough to prevent future monopolistic behavior. The part that concerns me is that there are no mechanisms in place to prevent a repeat of the actions described in Caldera vs. Microsoft. In that case, they added code to Windows 3.1 specifically designed to make it appear to fail when run on top of DR-Dos, an alternative to MS-Dos. They have never apologized for this behavior, and still show tendencies to do this again. Unless outside intervention happens, they will have no incentive to stop this. As currently written, I see no mechanisms in place to stop this in the proposed settlement.

Thank you.
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